



# Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

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## Public Information Release

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### Conservation Officer Assists with Medevac of Injured Horseman

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Iron County -

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) Conservation Officer Josh Carver and Iron County Deputy Tony Gower responded to an injured person call in the Pine Valley Wilderness Area shortly before midnight on August 5, 2011.

Terrance Riggs, 44 of Washington County was scouting on horseback with friends in the Pine Valley Wilderness Area just north of St. George. The group was in a rugged canyon just west of New Harmony when Riggs was thrown from his horse and down an embankment. One of Riggs' riding companions managed to get to an area with wireless service where he summoned local authorities.

Gower and Carver hiked approximately two and a half hours up the Comanche Trail to find the victim. Riggs had suffered severe head and neck injuries. Officer Carver hiked an additional mile in order to get to an area with radio contact, where he was able to request a medical helicopter while New Harmony Fire/EMS rendered medical aid.

Utah's conservation officers work closely with local law enforcement agencies in providing services to the citizens of our state. In many instances, the assistance of a UDWR officer is invaluable because they are intimately familiar with the most remote areas of their patrol districts.

UDWR Captain Tony Wood, states "The Division of Wildlife's law enforcement section is dedicated to the safety of our constituents. As such, we work tirelessly to come to the aid of outdoorsmen in distress. Officer Carver's effort was integral to a successful outcome in this incident and we are proud of his work."



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